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**CHINESE ILLEGAL ALIEN PLEADS GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO SEVEN
MONTHS FOR HIS ROLE IN A CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR ILLEGAL ALIENS TO
WORK IN BROTHER'S RESTAURANT**

– Seven illegal aliens provided housing while employed

– Will be deported after imprisonment

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **JIAN TIAN LIN**, age 32, of 713 Wilma Avenue, Radcliff, Kentucky, in Hardin, County, **pled guilty** and was **sentenced** on December 18, 2006, for his role in illegally harboring illegal aliens to work at his brother, **Jian Chai Lin's** restaurant, the Golden China Buffet.

John G. Heyburn, II, Chief Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Jian Tian Lin** to seven months, plus two years of supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Jian Tian Lin pled guilty and admitted that between May 2003 and May 10, 2006, he conspired with his brother **Jian Chai Lin**, to harbor and conceal illegal Chinese and Mexican aliens at the residences of 713 Wilma Court and 597 Lincoln Trail, Radcliff, Kentucky. The purpose of harboring the illegal aliens was to provide housing during the time when the aliens were not working at the Golden China Buffet restaurant.

The investigation began after the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) received a tip that Chinese nationals were being transported by bus and van to and from various

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restaurant locations in the Louisville Metro area. During the investigation, it was determined that

Jian Chai Lin, the operator of the Golden China Buffet at 597 W. Lincoln Trail, Radcliff, Kentucky, employed these illegal aliens, who were not listed as required on Wage File Data, filed with the Secretary of State, to work at the Golden China Buffet.

The investigation further determined that **Jian Tian Lin** provided a residence located at 713 Wilma Avenue, Radcliff, Kentucky, for the illegal aliens and surreptitiously transported the aliens back and forth to work at the restaurant. At the time of the arrests in this case, there were seven illegal aliens, in addition to the **Lins**, located at either the residence or the restaurant.

Upon serving his sentence, **Jian Tian Lin** will be placed into Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody for detention and deportation proceedings consistent with his illegal presence in the United States.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel P. Kinnicutt and Robert J. Kilmartin, and was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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